

HAD AN INSPIRATION

MAN WHO INVENTS FREAK PARTIES FOUND LONG SOUGHT FOR IDEA

CAME TO HIM IN RESTAURANT

vention of Inventing Some New Form of Amusement for House-Humanity is a Profitable One.

"I've got it," exclaimed the youngster, bringing his hand down with a cautious bang upon the table.

"The man opposite stared. It was one of the warmest evenings of the late autumn season in the restaurant. The man had dragged himself into the room through the sliding doors of a French restaurant not far from Madison square.

"The man started across because that was easy. He didn't have to move to do it. He wouldn't have turned around to look at a king. Not in that weather."

"How does it make you feel?" drawled the man. "An inventor?"

"On the contrary," laughed the youngster. "The fires of genius don't give out heat, they give out light."

"Not much genius in this. Still I think a 'Three R's Party' may net me as much as a poem would. More, in fact, than one of my poems."

"A 'Three R's party?' repeated the man as he motioned the waiter to carry the fish far, far away. It had seen better days.

"Yes," said the youngster, absently picking a nest of fish bones out of his mouth. "You see, I'm an inventor of parties."

"Do you—do you patent them?"

"Ank, no! I wish I could. I think I'd have made a pretty good thing out of my left-handed party. I added it all I could, but I had hard work to make 2,000 words out of it. A patent would be worth a fortune."

"No," said the man with a patience which surprised him; "I can't say that I do see."

"Do you mean that you would like to have me explain?"

"Well," with a feeble laugh, "I wouldn't put it so strongly as that. But if you can stand it, I can."

"Since you urge me," said the youngster, "I'll explain to you. You may have some suggestions to offer."

"Not!" groaned the man. "A cold-storage party is the only one which I wouldn't regard as the invention of the Evil One. Begging your pardon as an inventor yourself."

"The youngster paused with suspended fork. Then he snipped the table again. "Capital!" he exclaimed. "I'll elaborate that idea. Just now I'll show you what it is to be an inventor of parties. Perhaps you don't know that there are thousands and thousands of women all over this country who are getting cross-eyed trying to look both ways for what they call a 'left-handed party' in small towns. It is a mania. Especially in the West do they hunger and thirst for these freak parties. Did you ever go to a left-handed party?"

"I am happy to say I never did."

"There you are! That's the scornful New Yorker all over. Let me tell you that you don't know what a party is, unless you go to a left-handed party. Talk about inspirations. I had one sure enough when I invented that particular form of foolishness."

"The man granted an assent to the 'foolishness.'"

"I'll just give you a brief synopsis of the feature of a left-handed party," continued the youngster. "The moment the guests enter the door, his right hand and arm are put in a sling, and from that instant are ready to draw a left-handed picture of an animal. And so on. They tell me it is a youth renewer. You ought to try it."

"The man frowned but the youngster was innocently feeding crumbs to the goldfishes in the tank."

"I said it off, snap, to a magazine which purveys that sort of thing. At a party or hot-cake in the party line was my 'Trip around the World.' I forgot to tell you that the invitations to the left-handed party were written with the left hand. The invitation to the tourist party announced that the invitation was written with the right hand. I was asked to join a party of friends for a trip around the world, and was asked to meet the other travelers at the beginning of the residence of the hostess."

"The host and hostess wore traveling costumes. Each guest received a small red book marked 'Baedeker,' and containing a list of about sixty numbers, with blanks after them. Scattered through the rooms were sixty numbered objects, representing cities and countries all over the world. The objects were products for which the different places were famous. For instance, you would have no difficulty in guessing that a cigar represented Havana."

"I would depend on the cigar," said the man, dryly, with a passing shudder as he got a whiff from the youngster's lit cigar.

"Naturally," said the youngster, with imperturbable complacency. "Cutlery would also mean Sheffield. A bottle of your intelligence; a bottle of Johann Farina would mean Cologne; a bogwood pipe would convey the idea of Ireland; a bale of cotton would mean New Orleans; if you did not guess Lyons to be the antecedent of a piece of silk muscade, your wife or daughter—the man frowned again—would give you the hint. Tea would be for Ceylon, a box of baked beans for Boston, a piece of iron for Pittsburgh. You see there are great possibilities."

"When the guest started on the guessing tour, the host rang a bell and called 'All aboard.' At a certain point he stopped and got their names. The objects consisted of illustrated postal cards, containing the foreign places of interest. When the guessing was over, refreshments were served at a lunch counter, such as one finds in stations. The prizes for the best guessing were in the form of articles. Good ideas; don't you think so?"

"Well, I suppose for the people who like that sort of thing, it's the kind of a thing they like," remarked the man.

Wash Goods Extra.

ONE OF THE most prominent departments in the new Main Floor Annex is Wash Fabrics, and to introduce this branch of our rapidly growing business properly, we will place on sale Monday morning a large and most complete line of Printed Cotton Goods.

Consisting of Oriental Flannels, Cashmere Persians, Printed Arabians and German Flannels, Double Fleece Swansdown, Waist Cloths and Vicugna Cloth—the prettiest patterns and colorings we have ever shown.

Extra special introductory offering of 2000 yards of California Fleece Outing Flannel, in striped and checked effects; not short lengths, but from the full piece. For this sale, per yard... 5c

No telephone orders taken and none sold to dealers.



The Grand Opening of Our New Annex.

MONDAY MORNING our new annex will be open for business—five floors filled with bright, new fall goods. Every department of this great store will contribute its share of bargains to make this event a memorable one in our store history—an unqualified success. We invite you to be present and witness a showing of NEW GOODS that would do credit to any dry goods store in the world.

Several new departments have been added, each with a crisp, new stock for you to admire.

Butterick Patterns.

RELIABLE, correct, perfect. Recognized pattern leaders. The October sheets now ready. We are St. Paul agents and we take subscriptions for the Delineator, the recognized fashion authority.



Mail Orders.

ARE GIVEN the best of care here. We fill them conscientiously, promptly. As safe and satisfactory as a personal call. A sale of this kind demonstrate that this is "The Quickest Mail Order House in the Northwest."

Reynier Gloves.

REYNIER indelibly stamped on the art of glove making. Reynier gloves are made in France, and are among the few standard of the world. Their excellence lies in the quality of the kid used—fit and finish perfect. The wearing qualities of the Reynier are undeniably durable. They stand the stress of time well.

Gift Handkerchiefs.

ORDERS for handkerchiefs to be embroidered with initials, monograms and signatures, intended for Holiday Gifts, should be placed at once to insure delivery on time.

Opening of Correct Millinery

TODAY WE ANNOUNCE to the ladies of St. Paul, Minneapolis and vicinity that on

Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 18th and 19th,

Will occur our Annual Fall Opening. We will show the latest and best of the season's productions in up-to-date Millinery. Models will be shown from all the best-known artists of London, Paris and New York, as well as many exclusive designs from our own workrooms.

September Costume and Suit Showing.

THERE'S an unbroken succession of beautiful productions pouring into Mannheimers' these early autumn days from the foremost European and American dress designers—gowns that are elaborate, costly, fragile—wraps that are beautiful—costumes and suits that are personifications of style and economy. The street costumes, tailor-made gowns and dress skirts claim first attention. Prices range about as follows:

- \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$40 and up to \$95. Jackets of the very highest grades of English Kerseys, medium and heavy weights, 26 and 27 inches long, lined with Skinner's guaranteed satin, all colors and sizes for \$12.50. N. B.—A garment we consider the best value we have ever seen. Jacket of all lengths from 20-inch and up to the long, graceful Top Coat—in many new materials and shapes. New Silk Waists—Rich, beautiful styles in Ladies' Fine Silk Waists, made from best quality taffeta silks, in several smart designs \$5.00. French Flannel Waists—Beautifully tucked all over back and front, trimmed yoke, long front, all the new shades. Special for Monday \$3.00. Silk Dress Skirts—Mannheimers' new models, made with more flare at the bottom, giving the ideal new shape. We are showing new lines at \$10, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.50 and \$25.00. Wool Skirts—Fall Styles—When you see the graceful hang and outline of our new skirts we know what skirt you will wear. We have planned to double the skirt trade this season. Some very handsome \$12.50.



September Sale of Beautiful New Silks

TO AID IN CELEBRATING the completion and opening of our new Annex we will sell on Monday 36,000 yards of fine quality Silks, consisting of Black Silks in great variety of styles, Colored Silks, latest French productions, Novelty Silks, Crepe de Chines and Grenadines, all in the newest and most approved designs for Fall and Winter wear.

This unusual offering, just at the beginning of the season, will be appreciated. Note carefully the extra special prices we quote. Lack of space precludes the possibility of mentioning many bargains almost as tempting.

- Washable Fancy Striped Taffetas, something new, made expressly for shirtwaists and petticoats—comes in five different color combinations. 58c. Plain Colored and Fancy Colored Silks, arranged on center tables and marked. 45c, 58c, 69c and 89c a yd. Usual retail prices 85c to \$2.50. Special attention is called to our Fall importations of Dress Silks in French and American weaves, Black Silks, Colored Silks and Novelty Silks. Yarn-Mat—The new all-silk lining. It is very superior in quality and finish, possessing a high standard of excellence combined with a very pleasing color. It makes sateen lining a possibility at a small expenditure in silk. We control the sale of Yarn-Mat in St. Paul. Velvet Cords for Costumes—A veritable craze has developed for Velvet and Velveteen costumes, skirts and waists. We present most complete lines in Plain Velvets, Corded and Plain Velveteens, also Novelty Velvets, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$10.00 a yard. The correct colors are mode, beaver, merino, myrtle, brown, cardinal, slate, mordors, seal, mallot, marine, navy and jet black. Regular retail values 75c to \$3.00 a yard. Black Taffeta Silks—Extraordinary values. Our annual Black Taffeta event, planned expressly for dressmakers, manufacturers, milliners and dealers—1,000 pieces in all widths from 20 to 54 inches—imported and domestic makes. Every yard warranted to give satisfactory wear. Black Taffeta, 20 inches wide \$9c and 69c. Black Taffeta, 21 inches wide \$9c and \$1.00. Black Taffeta, 27 inches wide \$9c and \$1.00. Black Taffeta, 36 inches wide \$8c and \$1.35. Black Taffeta, 45 inches wide \$2.18. Black Taffeta, 54 inches wide \$2.48. Regular retail values 75c to \$3.00 a yard. French Whipcords in all the new and popular colors, all pure wool. 50c. New Autumn Broadcloth, the correct short-napped cloth, medium and light weights, 100 new shades, 52-inch wide. Per yard, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$3.00. Black Dress Goods—Our new Fall styles are all here, and tomorrow we will make a great showing of these desirable and suitable fabrics for the coming season. Extra Monday specials: Black Storm Serges and Whipcords, all pure wool, a regular 75c a yard fabric. 50c. Sponged and shrunk Cheviot, all pure wool, 50-inch wide, regular \$1.00 cloth. For Monday 75c. New Venetian Cloth, in mixed grays, Oxfords, blues, tans and castors, 52-inch wide, a regular \$1.50 a yard cloth. Monday special \$1.00. Burlap Cloth, a new, stylish fabric, in all the popular colorings, correct for fall costumes, 48-inch wide. Special per yard \$1.50. New Jersey and Meltons in beavers, Oxfords and mixtures, heavy weight Chalkline Suitings and Home-spuns, correct fabrics for short walking skirts. Per yard, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Fall styles are all here, and tomorrow we will make a great showing of these desirable and suitable fabrics for the coming season. Extra Monday specials: Black Storm Serges and Whipcords, all pure wool, a regular 75c a yard fabric. 50c. Sponged and shrunk Cheviot, all pure wool, 50-inch wide, regular \$1.00 cloth. For Monday 75c. 56-inch Skirting Cloth, the correct fabric for short walking skirts; a regular \$1.50 cloth, for Monday \$1.00. All-wool silk and wool, split colors and facings. Hand-some, exclusive styles, and the largest and most varied line in the two cities. Per yard, 59c, 69c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00.

New Fall Dress Goods—1901 Styles

WE WANT YOU to see one of the most exclusive showings of black and colored Fall Dress Goods yet displayed in the Twin Cities. Styles and values that will mark the display as noteworthy, with these as special inducements for Monday.

- French Whipcords in all the new and popular colors, all pure wool. 50c. New Autumn Broadcloth, the correct short-napped cloth, medium and light weights, 100 new shades, 52-inch wide. Per yard, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$3.00. Black Dress Goods—Our new Fall styles are all here, and tomorrow we will make a great showing of these desirable and suitable fabrics for the coming season. Extra Monday specials: Black Storm Serges and Whipcords, all pure wool, a regular 75c a yard fabric. 50c. Sponged and shrunk Cheviot, all pure wool, 50-inch wide, regular \$1.00 cloth. For Monday 75c. New Venetian Cloth, in mixed grays, Oxfords, blues, tans and castors, 52-inch wide, a regular \$1.50 a yard cloth. Monday special \$1.00. Burlap Cloth, a new, stylish fabric, in all the popular colorings, correct for fall costumes, 48-inch wide. Special per yard \$1.50. New Jersey and Meltons in beavers, Oxfords and mixtures, heavy weight Chalkline Suitings and Home-spuns, correct fabrics for short walking skirts. Per yard, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Fall styles are all here, and tomorrow we will make a great showing of these desirable and suitable fabrics for the coming season. Extra Monday specials: Black Storm Serges and Whipcords, all pure wool, a regular 75c a yard fabric. 50c. Sponged and shrunk Cheviot, all pure wool, 50-inch wide, regular \$1.00 cloth. For Monday 75c. 56-inch Skirting Cloth, the correct fabric for short walking skirts; a regular \$1.50 cloth, for Monday \$1.00. All-wool silk and wool, split colors and facings. Hand-some, exclusive styles, and the largest and most varied line in the two cities. Per yard, 59c, 69c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00.

Annual Autumn Sale of Petticoats

T HIS ANNUAL SALE of Silk and Colored Petticoats comes just in time to help celebrate the opening of our new annex—another list of bargains to make Monday more memorable.

- Ladies' Taffeta Silk Petticoats, in plain colors, 7-inch accordion plaited flounce with narrow ruffle, near silk underneath and dust ruffie, worth \$5.50. Special \$4.50. Good quality Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats, 10-inch accordion plaited flounce with ruffle, the best silk value ever offered for the money. Special for Monday \$5.95. Changeable Taffeta Silk Petticoats, graduated accordion plaited flounce, trimmed with two narrow French hemmed ruffles, durable shades for street wear, value \$10.75. Special \$8.50.

Lace Department.

THE OPENING of our annex gives the Lace Department greatly enlarged space and better opportunity to display our magnificent stock. We are now prepared with the grandest line of Laces and Lace Goods ever brought together under one roof in the Northwest.

We show Robes of our own direct importation in exclusive ideas. Figured Chiffons in embroidered and printed designs—the latest French novelties.

MONDAY SPECIAL—An assorted lot of Wash Laces, value up to 15c, for only 5c

LADIES' NECKWEAR.

This department will be found in its new location—front part of the main aisle—stocked with new and up-to-date articles.

Monday we will show a grand line of Real Otis Feather Boas in black and colors, also Cogne Boas in colors and black, and a very large line of the new fall styles in Neck Ruffs of Chiffon, Net and Liberty.

To introduce this department we will offer Monday, Neck Ruffs, \$1.75 values, for 98c

EMBROIDERIES. Our fall importation of Embroideries is now here—everything that should be in an up-to-date embroidery stock.

For Monday we offer Swiss, Naasook and Cambric Edging and insertion, worth up to 50c, for only 19c

Everything new in Veilings.

Notion Huggets, Dress Findings, ETC.

THE SECOND WEEK of our Annual Fall Sale offers numerous opportunities to secure needed articles of merit for the sewing room at prices that are noteworthy by their smallness. From the many we quote a few:

- The greatest Hose Supporter bargain ever offered—Military Abdominal Hose Supporter, the kind that hangs from the front of the corset, made of white elastic and satin pad, all colors, a regular 85c supporter. Extra special... 39c. Black Sewing Silk, 300-yard spools, warranted best quality. Extra special, per spool... 19c. Mohair Skirt Binding Braid, wide black or white, regular 1/2c per yard. Extra special... 1/2c. Combination Brush and Velveteen Skirt Binding, black and colors, regular value 10c a yard. Extra special... 3/2c. Light-weight Dress Shields, large size, quality warranted. Extra special, per pair... 9c. A dozen pairs for \$1.00. Best English Needles, gold-eyed. Extra special, two papers for... 5c. Fast Black Darning Cotton. Extra special, four balls for... 5c. Patent Hooks and Eyes, all sizes, black or white, equal to any. Extra special, per card... 1c. Safety Pins, "Caphead" make, six pins to the card, assorted sizes. Extra special, to introduce them, per card... 1c. English Book Pins, assorted black and white. Extra special, per book... 5c. Best American Pins, all sizes, regular 5c and 7c qualities. Extra special, two papers for... 5c.

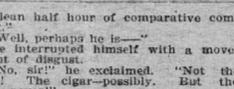
Our New Shoe Department

IT HAS proved an instantaneous success—and we fully appreciate the magnificent trade we have enjoyed every store day since the opening announcement. While we call attention to our leader, the

"Mannheimer Spec'P" \$3.50 Shoe

the best shoe in the world for the money, we also point with pride to the fact that we are sole St. Paul agents for Laird, Schober & Co. Philadelphia shoes and the best New York City made shoes—Ladies' hand-sewed shoes—priced at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00 a pair.

See the Children's School and Dress Shoes—a specialty here. We have a full and most complete line.



The Carpet and Rug Dept.

LAST WEEK was one of much confusion in this department. We were moving, taking possession of our additional space in the new annex, but we are now happily settled, and announce for tomorrow and all this week, the opening of our new Fall and Winter stock of Carpets, Rugs, Linoleums and Floor Coverings.

Nowhere else in the West can so large and attractive a stock be seen as here. The limits of space will not allow us to more than point out a few salient features regarding our lines.

In Wilton Carpets there are but three first-class makes, Bigelow, Lowell and Whittall. We show complete lines of these, over 100 patterns. In Axminsters, the Bigelows are the only genuine. We show W. & J. Sloane's complete line of private patterns in Brussels, Velvets, Tapestries and Ingrains we carry the best standard makes only. Our prices are the lowest to be obtained anywhere. To emphasize this great event in our history, we make the following special offers for this week:

A line of best Bigelow Brussels Carpets, Special, per yard \$1.10 to \$12.00. Our entire line of best all-wool Ingrains, Special, per yd. 50c. A splendid line of Oriental Rugs—70 pieces, Special, each \$10.00. In all grades of Floor Coverings we are recognized leaders in the Northwest.

Superior Furs.

OUR REPUTATION as Fur Fashion Leaders is upheld by our superb showing of garments and fur pieces in novel effects and new characteristics, selected with discriminating taste from the world's fashion centers. Exclusive fine fur garments made to order. Designs and estimates submitted.

These few items illustrate the value giving in this department: Genuine Leipzig dyed Persian Jackets from \$75 and up. 26-inch Near Seal Jackets, high storm collars and revers, Skinner satin-lined, \$40.00 value. Monday, \$27.50 special. Our Specialty—Exquisite Alaska Seal Jackets.

London-Dyed Seal Jackets and Broad-tail Persian Jackets, \$1.50. 26-inch Near Seal Jackets, high storm collars and revers, Skinner satin-lined, \$40.00 value. Monday, \$27.50 special. Our Specialty—Exquisite Alaska Seal Jackets.

Visit new Furniture floor annex, and see the elegant display. Fourth floor.

Art Stationery

THIS new department makes its first formal bow to Mannheimer patrons Monday morning—a department that is bound to be a leader—stocked to completeness with all that's correct in correspondence paper, fine stationery and engraving.

Among the special features will be found complete assortments of Visiting Tablets, Mourning Papers and designs for Copper Plate Calling Cards. Wedding stationery a specialty. In this line we are equipped to do the finest and most artistic work.

We will also show a fine line of Steel Monogram Dies. Box Stationery and all the accessories that combine to make a first-class department of this character.

Monday Special—Pound paper, Puritan Vellum, Kid finish, blue or white color, two popular sizes—Gladstone and Octavo. Extra special any style; per pound 12 1/2c

Envelopes that match, per hundred, only 20c



"How about your three R's party?" "Oh, I haven't worked out the idea yet, but I think it's a good one. The invitations will announce that the school for the district will open on such and such an evening, at the residence of the hostess. There will be teachers and monitors, benches and a platform, classes in the three R's, speaking and so on. I'll have to work out the whole programme. Dear me, if I keep this thing up and young perennially, I am really a public benefactor."

"How about my cold storage party?" asked the man, somewhat sheepishly. "I'll have to study that out right away," said the youngster, with enthusiasm. "The thing to do is to strike while the iron is hot."

"Well, it's all-dred hot now," remarked the man. "Yes," absently, "I think I'll have to ride the trimmings for that idea out of me. You see, this sort of literature has to have heroic treatment. When I can't get any ideas out of my brain I ride on the roughest street car line in town, and that seems to jolt them out. Good-by."

"It's surprising," he added, more absently than ever, "what a temperature you can stand, what fish you can eat, and what cigars you can smoke if you keep your mind pegging away at other things."

The man looked after him sharply. "Was he bunting a little sermon my way?" he muttered. "He looked at his watch and then put it to his ear."

"Nine o'clock," he said. "I owe him a clean half hour of comparative comfort."

THE GREAT DISMAL SWAMP.

Forest and Stream. The Great Dismal Swamp is a region strange and interesting, weird and solitary. It occupies a billowy plain some forty miles in length by twenty-five miles in breadth along the Atlantic seaboard, extending from Suffolk, Va., in a southerly direction, with the bounds of North Carolina. Its deep shades, great stretches of

brake and its very solitude makes it a region of interest. To the naturalist and sportsman it has much to offer. In its silent fastness the black bear finds a home admirably adapted to his protection and in every way favorable to his increase. Here amid the dense growth of underbrush and timber he may live in comparative safety. And there is perhaps no locality in the whole eastern United States of like extent which can offer a larger bear population than this great morass. The white-tailed deer is also an abundant denizen, frequenting the elevated parts.

In addition to the deer and bears, there is a big game feature of a rather unusual nature. The swamp abounds in wild cows. These are animals of a brown color and somewhat smaller than the ordinary cow, having for many years been under the peculiar conditions of the swamp, until they are almost completely specialized, are extremely wild. They are ferreted from the herds of the farms adjacent to the swamp, and are the descendants of cattle which many years back wandered into the fastnesses and were lost to their owners finally becoming wild. Being no longer recognized as property, the sportsmen may call game all they may have the prowess to shoot. Lake Drummond, some ten miles from Suffolk, Va., is the only great body of water in the swamp. It is a beautiful sheet of water of an oval contour, and fringed with a heavy growth of timber, mostly cypress, white cedar and black gum. The water is of a dark color, owing to the decaying vegetation of the surrounding country, but it is suitable to drink, and possesses the quality of remaining pure longer than most other water. For this reason it is often carried to sea by sailors on long voyages. The characteristic mammalian fauna is of a semi-tropical nature as regards the smaller forms, while there are many tropical plants. Of birds there are not many kinds, prothonotary, hooded and Swainson's warblers and the Maryland yellowthroat being the principal smaller forms. The trees, some of which are prominent, are large and beautiful, while there is a luxuriant growth of ferns and aquatic plants. Cane grows in profusion.

Shot at Himself.

"I shot this magnificent tiger myself in Africa. "Tiger? Why-er-that's a lion, man." "Damn that clerk!"